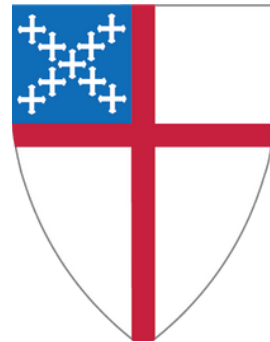




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Unashamedly Proclaiming our Christian Faith

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

“...AFTER JESUS WAS BORN... WISE MEN FROM THE EAST CAME TO JERUSALEM...” (MATTHEW 2:1)
IT’S A FAMILIAR STORY, THE STORY OF THE JOURNEY OF THE THREE MAGI FROM THE EAST, (WHICH MEANS THEY WERE NOT JEWS, AS JESUS WAS) WHO FOLLOWED A STAR TO JERUSALEM, IN SEARCH OF JESUS. THAT STAR LED THEM TO JERUSALEM, WHERE THEY LEARNED THAT THEY WOULD FIND THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS IN BETHLEHEM.

MATTHEW TELLS US THAT, WHEN THEY CAME TO THE PLACE WHERE JESUS WAS, THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURE CHESTS, AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS: GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH. THE MAGI WERE THE FIRST OF THE “GENTILES” (ALL WHO ARE NOT JEWISH) TO COME AND WORSHIP THE BIRTH OF THE JESUS, THUS REVEALING THAT THIS CHILD WAS BORN FOR ALL PEOPLE. ALL PEOPLE. INCLUDING YOU AND ME.

LIKE THEM, WE HAVE THIS “STAR” TO FOLLOW. IT IS THE LIGHT OF JESUS, IN HIS TEACHINGS AND MIGHTY WORKS, IN HIS WELCOME FOR SINNERS AND OUTCASTS, IN HIS SACRIFICIAL LOVE, AND RISEN LIFE. HIS LIGHT SHINES, IT GUIDES US, NOT ALWAYS WHERE WE WANT TO GO, BUT WHERE GOD WANTS US TO GO, WHERE GOD MEETS US WITH LIFE ABUNDANT!

IT’S A WONDERFUL STORY, WELL WORTH REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING. IT’S CALLED “THE EPIPHANY”. IT’S ONE OF SEVEN PRINCIPAL FEASTS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH. SO, THIS COMING SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, WE WILL CELEBRATE THIS FEAST, IN WORD AND EUCHARIST. OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL OFFER THEIR GIFTS TO JESUS, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE MAGI. COME, AND WORSHIP. RECEIVE THE GRACIOUS GIFTS OF GOD.

HAVE A BLESSED JANUARY AND
NEW YEAR!

PG



THINGS TO KNOW:

- THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP FOR THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND/OR THE 7 DAY RESERVATION CANDLE IN THE COMING MONTHS. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX.
- GIANT GIFT CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED ANY SUNDAY IN AMOUNTS OF \$25 OR \$50. PLEASE SEE BRUCE BROWNE AFTER CHURCH. THE CHURCH GETS 5% BACK. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM!



ROXY'S YOGA

FULL BODY WORKOUT
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
10:30AM-12:00PM
\$10 PER CLASS
FOR MORE INFO CALL:
610-462-4921

THE VESTRY WOULD LIKE TO
THANK OUR PARISHIONERS
FOR PLEDGING A TOTAL OF
\$56,200 FOR 2024!

JANUARY FEASTS:

JANUARY 6TH: EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 7TH: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
JANUARY 18TH: THE CONFESSION OF ST.PETER
JANUARY 25TH: THE CONVERSION OF ST.PAUL



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

EVELYN GARAFOLO: 1ST
ANNE O'DONNELL: 7TH
ALICIA BARR: 8TH
JANE BODEN: 8TH
DOTTIE HECKER: 10TH
KARL DALRYMPLE: 18TH
SUM KREICHEL: 21ST
JOAQUIN ROJO: 22ND
JESSICA JEFFERSON: 28TH

VESTRY CORNER:

- THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JAN.28TH, 2024 AFTER CHURCH. A POTLUCK LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW(ALWAYS A TREAT!)
- COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING ARE DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY 1.15.2024.
- MORNING PRAYER WILL BE SAID BY ANNE O'DONNELL ON 1.21.2024. PG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OTHER JANUARY SERVICES.
- ASH WEDNESDAY IS EARLY THIS YEAR, 2.14.24.
- THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A NEW PRIEST WILL BE FORMED EARLY IN 2024.

NEW PERSONNEL AT ST.GEORGE'S!

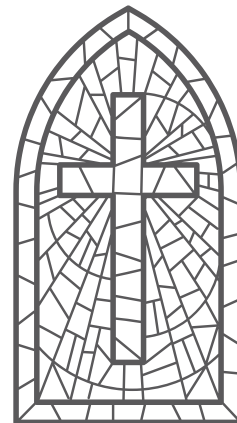
MICHAEL HUFFMAN:
ORGANIST

MICHAEL WAS BAPTIZED IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BUT ATTENDED LUTHERAN AND UCC CHURCHES WITH HIS FAMILY. HIS MOTHER, JEAN, WAS A CHURCH ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR OVER 50 YEARS. HIS FATHER, JOHN, WAS A SINGER. MICHAEL STUDIED PIANO SINCE AGE 6 AND ORGAN SINCE AGE 12. HE ATTENDED MUHLENBERG COLLEGE, WINDHAM COLLEGE(VT), KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY, AND WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE. MICHAEL HAS BEEN A CHURCH MEMBER AND ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR FOR OVER 56 YEARS AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS A CO ORGANIST OF PENNSBURG UCC. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS CHORAL GROUPS INCLUDING THE BACH CHOIR OF BETHLEHEM. MICHAEL IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING AT ST.GEORGE'S CHURCH AS A MUSICIAN AS WELL AS WORSHIPPING AND FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE CONGREGATION!



JANET SCHROEDER: PARISH ADMIN/
BOOKKEEPER

JANET SCHROEDER HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF ST.GEORGE'S PARISH SINCE 2019 AND HAS TAKEN ON THE JOB OF PARISH ADMINISTRATOR & BOOKKEEPER AS OF JANUARY 2ND 2024. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE JEWELRY INDUSTRY SINCE 1999 AND RUNS A HOME BASED SMALL BUSINESS, SET ADRIFT DESIGNS! SHE IS EXCITED TO HELP ST.GEORGE'S THRIVE AND GROW.



YOUTH CORNER :

VISITING OUR HOME BOUND PARISHIONERS!



JANE



SHY DEACON LINDA



GLORIA



VISIT BY ST.NICHOLAS 12.10.23



OUR 2023 MITTEN TREE



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VESTRY:

BRUCE BROWNE: SENIOR WARDEN

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DIANE DOLL: SEXTON

JANET SCHROEDER: PARISH ADMIN/BOOKKEEPER

JANUARY CALENDAR:

JAN. 6TH: THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

JAN. 7TH: CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN RIVER

JAN. 16TH: VESTRY MEETING VIA ZOOM, 7PM.

JAN. 28TH: ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & POTLUCK

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: ROXY'S YOGA IN THE PARISH HALL, 10:30AM-12:00PM

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: HOLY EUCHARIST 9:30AM

IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

